

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S311–S381*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1910–1912, and S. Res. 204. **Page S348**

**Adoption Tax Credit:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 622, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S322–35**

#### Adopted:

Bunning/Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 2699 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to provide that the exclusion from gross income for foster care payments shall also apply to payments by qualified placement agencies. **Pages S322–23**

#### Pending:

Daschle/Baucus Amendment No. 2698, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S322–35**

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 2721 (to Amendment No. 2698), to provide emergency agriculture assistance. **Page S322**

Hatch/Bennett Amendment No. 2724 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the carryback of certain net operating losses for 7 years. **Page S322**

Domenici Amendment No. 2723 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to provide for a payroll tax holiday. **Page S322**

Allard/Hatch/Allen Amendment No. 2722 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit and to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit. **Page S322**

Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2732 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to provide a waiver of the early withdrawal penalty for distributions from qualified retirement plans to individuals called to active duty during the national emergency declared by the President on September 14, 2001. **Page S322**

Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2733 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to prohibit a State from imposing a discriminatory tax on income earned within such State by nonresidents of such State. **Page S322**

Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2734 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to provide that tips received for certain services shall not be subject to income or employment taxes. **Pages S322–23**

Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2735 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to allow a deduction for real property taxes whether or not the taxpayer itemizes other deductions. **Page S323**

Sessions Amendment No. 2736 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for economic recovery and provide for the payment of emergency extended unemployment compensation. **Page S323**

Grassley (for McCain) Amendment No. 2700 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services and Foreign Service in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence. **Page S323**

Kyl Amendment No. 2758 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to remove the sunset on the repeal of the estate tax. **Page S323**

Reid Modified Amendment No. 2764 (to Amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for recreational travel, and to modify the business expense limits. **Page S323**

Reid (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2766 (to Amendment No. 2698), to provide enhanced unemployment compensation benefits. **Page S323**

Lincoln Amendment No. 2767 (to Amendment No. 2698), to delay until at least June 30, 2002, any changes in medicaid regulations that modify the medicaid upper payment limit for non-State Government-owned or operated hospitals. **Page S323**

Thomas Amendment No. 2728 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the qualified small issue bond provisions.

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Craig Amendment No. 2770 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the availability of Archer medical savings accounts.

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Grassley Amendment No. 2773 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to provide tax incentives for economic recovery and assistance to displaced workers.

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Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 2807 (to Amendment No. 2721), to remove the sunset on the repeal of the estate tax.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 2808 (to Amendment No. 2764), to preserve the continued viability of the United States travel industry.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2002, with a vote to occur on the motion to close further debate on Daschle/Baucus Amendment No. 2698 (listed above).

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President dated February 2002 with the Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers for 2002; to the Joint Economic Committee. (PM–69)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 12), Philip R. Martinez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Guy F. Caruso, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

Jose A. Fourquet, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2004.

Adolfo A. Franco, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 20, 2002.

Adolfo A. Franco, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2008. (Reappointment)

Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2006.

Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Navy.

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—12)

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S381).

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FIREFIGHTING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings to examine firefighting issues, focusing on urban search and rescue task forces response requirements, and funding needs for firefighting training, equipment, apparatus, communications, safety and health issues, and staffing, receiving testimony from Stephen D. Paulsell, Boone County Fire Protection District/Missouri Task Force 1, Columbia; Carlos P. Olaguer, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore, Maryland; Peter H. Morris, CNN, Chevy Chase, Maryland, on behalf of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad; Philip C. Stittleburg, LaFarge, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Volunteer Fire Council; Harold A. Schaitberger, International Association of Fire Fighters, Washington, D.C.; and John M. Buckman III, German Township Volunteer Fire Department, Evansville, Indiana, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Hearings recessed subject to call.